Hope as hard on golf course as he is on stage

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MISHICOT - To see Bob Hope ›lding a golf club is as natural as :aring him tell a joke.

Hope and golf go together as much Hope and comedy go together.

At 85 years old, the legendary ›pe proved to be a shining star ith his one-liners and his golf game ıursday afternoon at Fox Hills esort here.

Hope, who is in the midst of four nights of shows at Manitowoc's Capitol Civic Centre, played eight holes of Fox Hills' new National Course.

"I might come back and try the fairway sometimes," quipped the world-renowned quipster. "It's going to be a great golf course."

Hope did spend a portion of his golf game in sand traps and he wasn't able to avoid the water at times, but then again, neither could the people playing with him.

Those who golfed with Hope, and there were at least 40 of them, paid $1,000 each for the honor to play one hole. The Lakeshore Charity Golf Classic, as it is known, is a benefit for Lakeshore Health Services Corp. of Manitowoc County.

There will be another tourney Saturday at 1 p.m. on the National Course. Play, like Thursday, will begin on the 10th hole.

Bill Boockmeier, the pro at Fox Hills, said 200 gallery tickets were sold in advance for Thursday's play and he estimated the crowd of onlookers at between 300 and 400 people.

"It's going above any expectations. I didn't think there would be so many people watching, especially with this weather," said Boockmeier, looking up at the overcast sky on the windy, cool day. "I guess it's important to the community, Fox Hills and the whole Lakeshore Area."

Gallery tickets are $10 and will be available before play Saturday. Another 200 have been pre-sold, said Boockmeier.

For the first few holes those who worked on the course were unable to rope off areas for the crowd as well as they would have liked, but the system was improved later. Boockmeier noted the people who payed $1,000 deserved some extra attention.

"We wanted to keep some exclusivity to it," he said. "I think we lost that, but everyone is enjoying himself."

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High bid ›wins Hope golf outing

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MISHICOT — A Wisconsin ısinessman, Ralph McClone, paid ›p dollar and walked away with the ig prize during the Players Auction receding the Bob Hope Lakeshore harity Classic Thursday at Fox ills Resort.

McClone, representing his own gency with four offices throughout ıe state, was the high bidder with is $2,050 offer. The father of 10, IcClone will receive airfare to Cali›rnia for two, $500 in fun money and ill have the opportunity to play golf ith Bob Hope at Morningside Coun›y Club, a Jack Nicklaus designed ›urse in Palm Springs.

The auction was part of a series of enefit events for Lakeshore Health ervices Corp. "The purpose is to ave a good time and to make ıoney for Lakeshore Health ervices," according to Pat Casey, ›ordinator and emcee at the eception.

The 42 golfers who paid to particiate in Thursday's Golf Classic laced their bids during the Press onference and Players Reception hursday morning at Fox Hills. ther prizes given to 19 of those men y way of a draw-from-the-hat ıethod ranged from stereo arphones and boom boxes to a levision set, camera and luggage.

Fox Hills staff was ready with a

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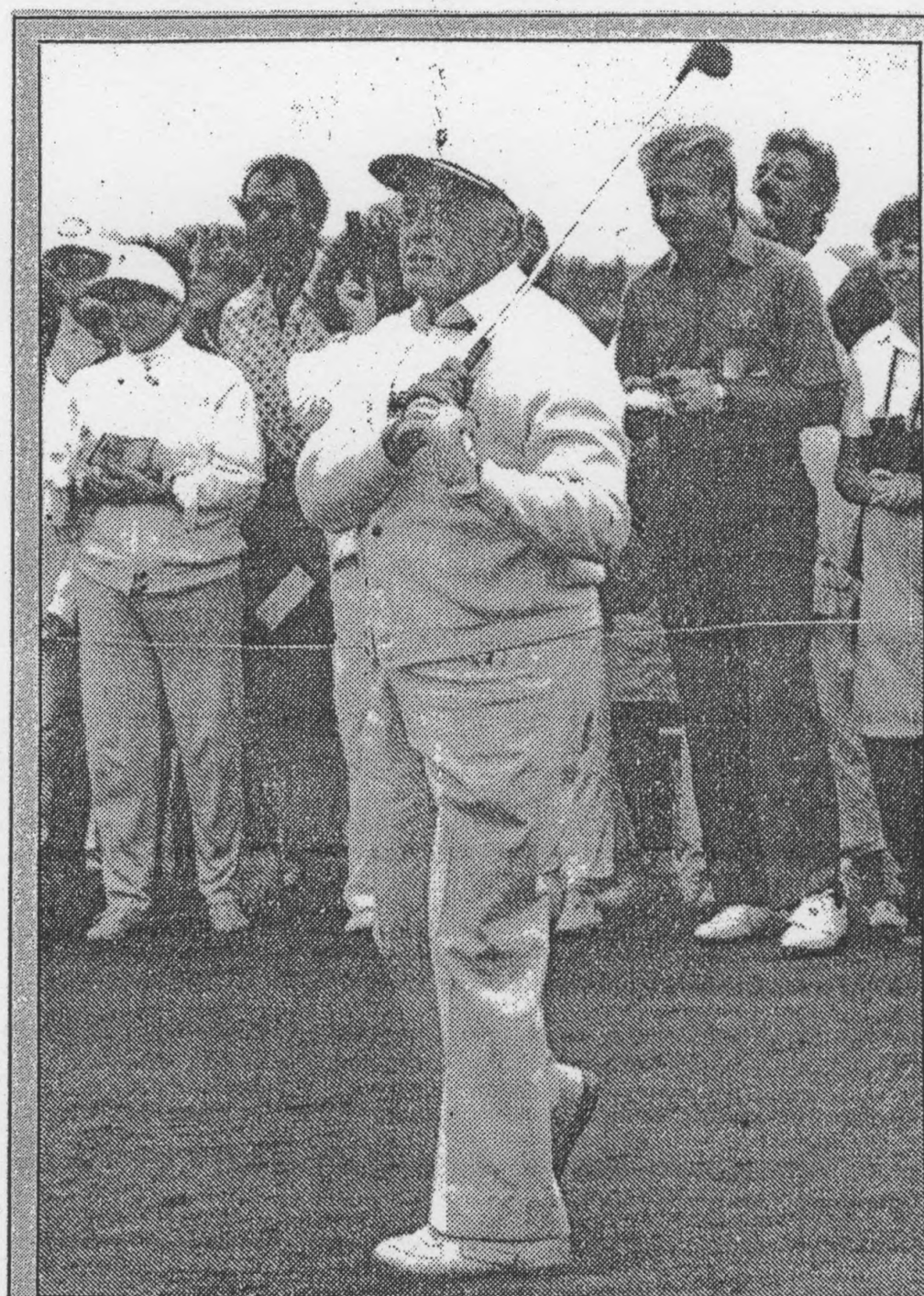

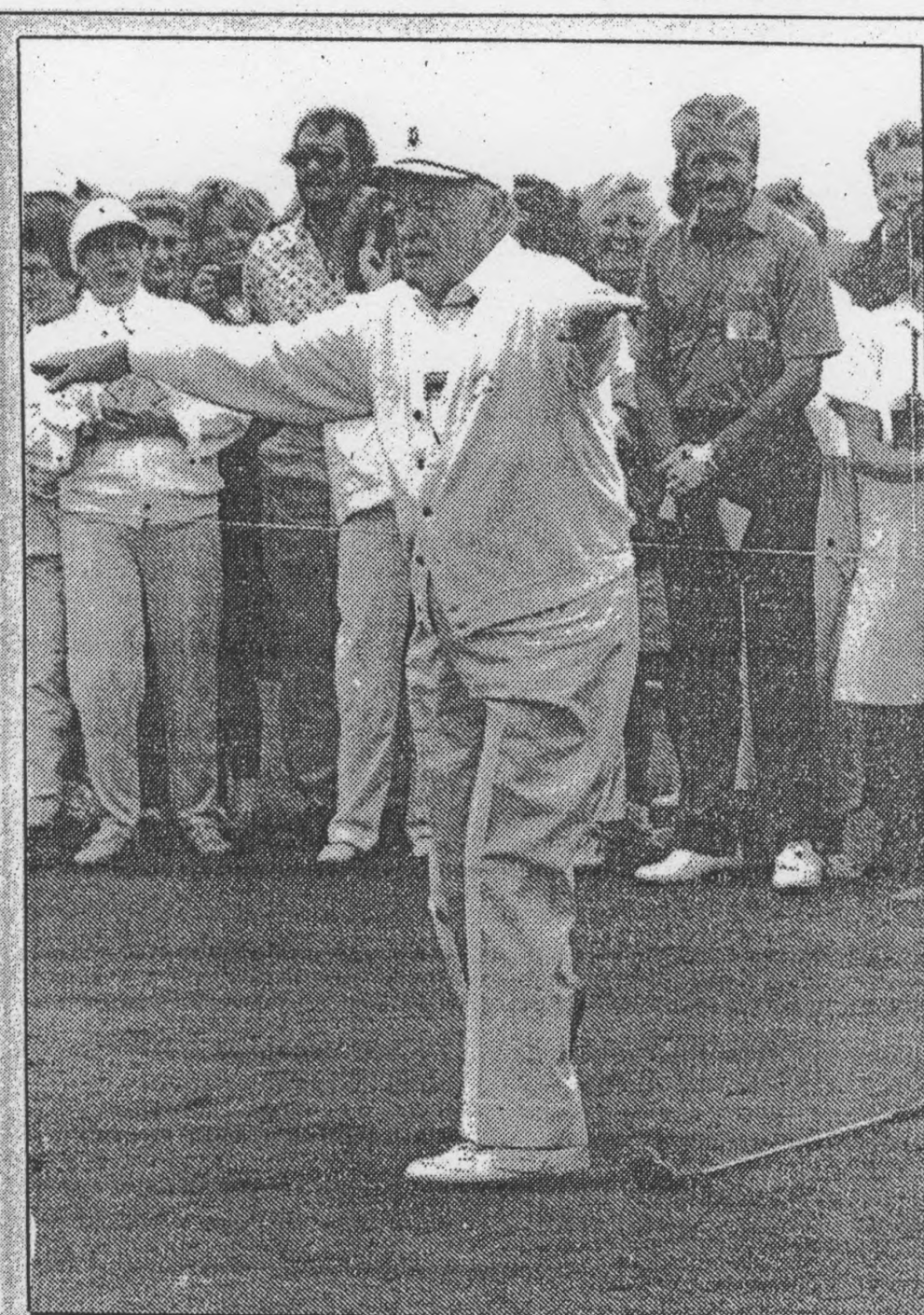

Bob Hope watched his tee shot and then joked about the outcome during Thursday's Bob Hope Lakeshore Charity Golf Classic on the Fox Hills National Course in Mishicot. Hope, who will be performing at the Capitol Civic Centre in Manitowoc tonight and Saturday night, will play the course again Saturday afternoon. **See more Hope coverage on pages 10 and 11.**

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Reception

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reception party for the likes of royalty. Beautifully arranged tables, including the center one with a towering ice sculpture, were laden with hot and cold entrees, hors d'oeuvres, fresh fruits and vegetables, chocolate-dipped strawberries and dainty desserts.

The Hopes, Bob and his wife Dolores, arrived in the midst of the excitement, stepped directly to the podium and in their gracious manner in evidence throughout their stay in the Lakeshore, patiently fielded questions from the press.

Expressing the couple's happiness at being in the Lakeshore Area, Hope said it was like a vacation for them..."so many wonderful people."

The rest of the conference brought out gales of laughter as the famous comedian and his wife showed adeptness in their quick and hilarious answers to probing from the press. Here are some examples:

★ On his age: "I never even think of my age until I get up in the morning. Age is not a crime; it's an accomplishment."

★ Why does he play golf so much? "Why, because I like to cheat. I've been playing for 58 years and it takes a lot of acid and nasty out of your system. It's a wonderful game for fellows who are too old for girls and still want to get into a trap."

★ Politics: "I've known the last nine presidents pretty well. I've liked all of them, too. Reagan was a Democratic when I first met him 45 years ago. Can you imagine Reagan as a Democrat? That's like Lawrence Welk playing punk rock."

★ Is your life hectic? "No, not really, because I book it. I only do what I want; it's not slave labor."

★ How do you best describe your golf game? "I play in self defense because I play with Jerry Ford a lot. I usually am well guarded, but I don't have as many Secret Service men as he has and I'll tell you his Secret Service men are wonderful. They're trained to kick a ball 60 yards."

★ Which of your shows are your favorite? "I can't think of any that aren't my favorite..."

★ How did you like the Capitol Civic Centre? "Love it, love it."

★ About his early boxing career: "I fought under Rembrandt Hope...I was on the canvas so much."

And from Dolores:

★ What has it been like living with Bob all these years? "I wouldn't know. How do I compare that to what?"

★ Is life always funny in your household? "No. Not the first of the month."

During the reception, George Krause, president of the Village of Mishicot, stepped forward and read a proclamation honoring Bob and assigning him the permanent street address of 200 W. Church St. "That's right around the corner, isn't it," the comedian quipped. Presented with the key to the village, Bob responded, "How can the key be bigger than a city?"

Shortly after midday the Hopes and golfers in the Classic were bussed to the National Course for play. Crowds followed their progress from the gallery.

Dolores' partners were Sally Likas and Sharon Boockmeier, wives respectively of Ron Likas, president of Fox Hills, and Jim Boockmeier, the golf pro.

The day was less than accommodating — overcast, cool and with whipping winds. "It's the kind of a day to stay home before a fireplace," Dolores said buttoning her second layer of sweaters.

But despite the weather and the recent rains that soaked the course, the two Hopes continued their commitment. Then as true pros, they were right back up there on the Capitol stage Thursday night.

Hope

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Each golfer contacted after playing a hole with Hope agreed. They related that it was an honor and "an unbelievable experience" to play golf with Hope.

If Hope seems relaxed and at ease on stage, it's the same with his golf game. He has a sweet, smooth swing and he's usually singing softly to himself before teeing off.

Clan in light blue pants, a white shirt with stripes and a white cap, Hope thought he put his first shot on 10 in the sand trap. When he moved the ball only a short distance with his second shot, he said, "Can I hit it?"

However, it was learned he was hitting the wrong ball. His tee shot was on the fairway. So, after a nice second shot, Hope promptly found sand again with his third shot.

The fourth shot went a few feet, before the fifth shot ran close to the cup.

"I never played in muddy traps before," said Hope as he took a six on the hole.

There was a $25,000 prize for any of the golfers who registered a hole-in-one on the 156-yard 11th hole. Most of the men found water instead. Hope put three shots in the soup.

"This is the mulligan group, huh?" asked Hope, who has written a best-selling golf book called, "Confessions Of A Hooker: My Lifelong Love Affair With Golf."

Before a third attempt to get a shot across the water, Hope asked, "What do you get, a third of 25 ($25,000) if you hit this in?"

When one shot went off target, Hope said, "God, that was awful. Give me a helium ball."

Finally, as the hole was finally conquered, he said, "What do we do now, go back and get drunk?"

As Hope sat in a golf cart, which read "Hope For Kids" on the side, fans of all ages asked for autographs and took pictures. Many brought presents to Hope, including one person who gave him cookies to munch.

Bob Burns earlier in the day, during a press conference, gave Hope golf clubs he made, complete with Hope's inscription. Burns later played a hole with Hope and had a fine drive with one of his clubs. That immediately caught Hope's attention.

The third hole Hope played was with some of the Krause boys from Mishicot. The Krauses, all wearing blue shirts, were a happy group and Hope seemed to enjoy the fact Mr. and Mrs. George Krause had 11 children.

"My father just ad-libbed," said Hope.

As he watched the Krauses blast tee shots, the comic quizzed, "What do you have, a driving range in the living room?"

Hope, putting another shot in sand, told the gallery, "I'd quit tomorrow, but I have so many sweaters."

It was a little hard to keep score for Hope, since he often tries a shot again if he comes up just short on a putt. A few times he even shot for other players.

When Hope played No. 14, he was in the sand twice more, but later knocked in a long putt that brought cheers from the gallery.

On 15 Hope had a nice drive and then faked a yawn, as though it was nothing. He called his second shot "just a little drop-kick," and later had words of wisdom for his company when a man moved the ball from a muddy area.

"Don't ever move it back, for God's sake," he advised.

By now the wind was whipping pretty good and the rain wasn't too far off.

When Fox Hills' Ron Likas had to take a second shot on 16, his wife, Sally, could be heard from the gallery, "I took a mulligan, too, honey."

She played golf with Dolores Hope, Bob's wife.

On the final hole played, No. 17, Hope was able to drive the ball over the water on one try, which is more than some of the others playing the hole can say.

Before his show Thursday night, Hope said, "I think I played today...I never thought I'd come up here and freeze to death."

Hope might have been freezing on the course, but he warmed the hearts and spirits of hundreds watching him.

Names in the News

Trump mourns Murdoch deal

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New York real estate tycoon Donald Trump says half-seriously that he wishes media mogul Rupert Murdoch hadn't sold the *New York Post*.

"Rupert, come back!" Trump implored Thursday at a breakfast at the Republican National Convention.

Trump accused new *Post* publisher Peter Kalikow of picking on him in the newspaper at the same time Kalikow persuaded him to buy advertising for a department store chain Trump controls.

"You son of a gun, you're killing me," said Trump, who related that a *Post* reporter called him about the same time as the advertising request to ask whether the stores were closing.

Kalikow, who bought the financially ailing paper in March, was sitting a few feet away in the audience. Trump sounded at least half-serious, and while Kalikow was laughing, he looked uncomfortable.

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